

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
April 1, 2014
Delancey Hall**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gail Pantezzi
John Malone
Steve LaRocca
Francis Tuoti, Chairman

MEMBERS ABSENT: Linda Gracie
Debby Moore
Marcia Rockwood

ALSO PRESENT: Susie Thompson, Town Historian
Janice Will, Recording Secretary

Chairman Francis Tuoti opened the meeting.

Plaque Presentation for Bloomer House

The Chairman stated that he would not be available on April 27, the date proposed for the plaque presentation.

Susie Thompson said Steve LaRocca, John Malone, Linda Gacie and perhaps Debby Moore will all go. Ms. Thompson added that the Fischbachs (owners of 140 Titicus Road) will be going away after the 27th and so would like to have the presentation then.

Gail Pantezzi asked if someone could video the presentation, and Ms. Thompson replied that Debby Moore can take photographs if she is able to attend.

Mills Road

Chairman Tuoti said there was good news about the historic designation of upper Mills Road; Amy Rosmarin informed him that more than 51% of residents have already signed the petition requesting the designation, and she thinks all the residents will sign. It is Ms. Rosmarin's intention to present the signed petitions to the Town Clerk, and then the HPC may call for a public hearing of the proposal. The Chairman stated that Ms. Rosmarin plans to attend the May HPC meeting, so the Members should all look over and familiarize themselves with the Historic Road section of the Town Code before then.

Croton Falls Presbyterian Church

Marcia Rockwood was not present/the topic will be discussed in May.

Public Access TV/Channel 18

Gail Pantezzi noted that she emailed the HPC members a report. She stated that a Town resident, Paul Friedman, used to produce the Today Show for NBC, and is interested in working on programming for the Town.

Ms. Pantezzi said she also spoke to Henry Wolf of Lewisboro, asking him to explain again about the money paid to towns by Cablevision. Ms. Pantezzi stated that Cablevision pays a tax on every household in Town that gets cable tv. Noting that the amounts differ, she said North Salem would have been paid \$86,000 to \$87,000 for 2013. She told the Members that Mr. Friedman wrote to Supervisor Warren Lucas, volunteering to work on programming for the Town. Ms. Pantezzi explained that Mr. Friedman is retired from network television; he now teaches at Quinnipiac University and volunteers at North Salem High School with a video group. Mr. Friedman told Ms. Pantezzi the high school students are bright and possess the skills to do a video program, including script-writing. Ms. Pantezzi said she also spoke to George Bovino, who said Mr. Friedman is well respected in the school.

Ms. Pantezzi said Mr. Friedman is writing a mission/policy statement for the Town regarding what kind of television programming the Town will have. She added that she will contact Henry Wolf again for specifics of what he does in Lewisboro and what North Salem will need for their programming, after which she will see what the Town will be willing to contribute toward any expenses.

Ms. Pantezzi stated that she also drafted an advertisement for the Town newsletter, seeking residents with experience in video editing and recording and also people interested in learning these skills.

Chairman Tuoti asked just why the HPC is involved in the use of the program time available.

Ms. Pantezzi said Supervisor Lucas spoke about it to Bruce Buchholtz (Town Board Member, recently deceased), who brought the idea to the HPC.

Ms. Thompson remarked that the HPC would not want to find itself in charge of the whole thing.

Ms. Pantezzi said Supervisor Lucas suggested a tour of Delancey Hall for the first program to be produced, adding that the building is very historical and underwent an excellent renovation.

John Malone said Tim Taylor (North Salem resident and contractor) did a lot of hard, expert work just to get the walls and ceilings straight/square again.

Ms. Pantezzi said she created a list of 12 or so ideas for programs, adding that her advertisement also invites ideas for programming. She remarked that Paul Friedman had suggested asking Supervisor Lucas to include her ad in his column in the newsletter, because people would be sure to read it. Ms. Pantezzi said she will also ask to have the ad put on the Town website and the Library website.

Ms. Thompson suggested preparing a flyer to be handed out at the Library's fair in May.

Chairman Tuoti asked if the Historical Society is interested in getting involved, and Ms. Thompson replied that they are.

Ms. Pantezzi said Mr. Friedman had already advised against using a lot of still photographs and maps, because they are not interesting to watch on television. She mentioned an exhibit for the bicentennial celebration at the Hammond Museum, wondering if the boards are still intact.

Ms. Thompson said she thought some of them might be stored in Lobdell House, and the Historical Society has tapes of interviews that could also be used.

Cemeteries

Ms. Thompson pointed out that the snow had just barely melted, so she has not done anything on this subject yet.

NPS Display/Rochambeau

Ms. Thompson said she called, but her call has not been returned as of yet. She described a talk by Jini Jones Vail about Rochambeau that is scheduled for October 5 and will be hosted by the Historical Society and the Library. Ms. Thompson said she hopes the display will be in place by then so that a dedication can be staged on the day of the Rochambeau talk.

Ms. Pantezzi said this would be a good subject for television programming. She remarked that Paul Friedman wants to gather information now for programs to be made in the fall.

Ms. Thompson commented that the HPC may do whatever will work on October 5, adding that they need to be prepared. She said she has Ms. Vail's book and offered to lend it to people.

Other

Ms. Thompson said there is a group called Hudson Valley Vernacular Architecture, a member of which looked at the Mills House with her last year. Now they have called to ask if they can tour Delancey Hall and some other historic buildings in Town in May, and she thinks the HPC could go along too. May 17 was mentioned as a possible date for the tour.

Certified Local Government Program

The Chairman said he spoke to Julian Adams who brought him up to date. Chairman Tuoti added that he is not sure what the HPC needs to do.

Ms. Thompson said participation calls for some small changes in the Code. Once the HPC is satisfied with them, they need permission to have Roland Baroni (attorney for the Town) to review the proposed changes.

Chairman Tuoti said he will go over the changes made so far with Ms. Thompson, adding that he has a file on the subject at home.

Ms. Pantezzi stated that all members of the HPC must submit their resumes to be part of the record.

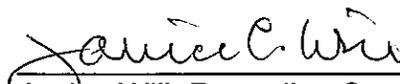
Other (cont'd.)

Chairman Tuoti noted that Ms. Thompson mentioned audio interviews, and he recalls that his mother did one in 1993 or a few years earlier with Tom Purdy that was also filmed. The Chairman could not remember who filmed the interview but he will see what Debby Moore knows about it.

March 4 meeting minutes with one correction noted: unanimously approved.

Next Meeting: May 6, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,



Janice Will, Recording Secretary